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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
ATSUTERU OIKAWA, ET AL.) : Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/784,954) : Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: February 25, 2004) :
For: SHEET DISCHARGING APPARATUS,) March 31, 2004
AND SHEET TREATING APPARATUS :
AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)
USING THE SHEET DISCHARGING :
APPARATUS)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed Japanese reference is also enclosed.

A concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document may be found at page 2 of the specification.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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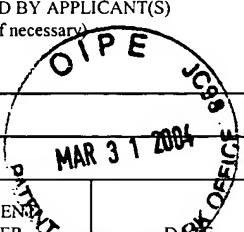
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*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,084,736	01/28/1992	Suzuki et al.	355	271	
	5,168,290	12/01/1992	Tanaka et al.	345	134	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	9-48545	02/18/1997	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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